

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application: T. SAKURAI et al
Serial No. 09/268,637
Filed: March 16, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1651
Examiner: F. Prats
For: METHOD FOR PURIFYING NUCLEIC ACID AND
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

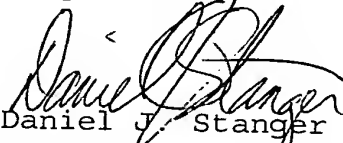
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Sir:

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 Forms
constitute the art of record in the parent application
identified above.

The Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return
copies of the attached PTO-1449 Forms as an indication that
the references have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,


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